



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA  
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE  
JANUARY 17, 2013**

A meeting of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards of Mesa, Arizona, was held in Conference Room 170 W, 20 E. Main Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, on January 17, 2013 at 11:01 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Marty Whalen, Chairman  
Chris Brady, City Manager  
Stephen Lentz (Police)  
Floyd Smith (Police)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Rick Jaime (Fire)  
Ty Perkins (Fire)  
Bryan Raines, Citizen Member

**STAFF PRESENT**

Vanessa Datson, Sr. Program Asst.  
Dee Ann Mickelsen, Interim City Clerk

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Edward Connolly (Applicant)  
Nitra Hawkins  
Cynthia Kelley  
Frank Milstead  
David Niederdeppe  
Teri Overbey  
Diane Reisinger  
Gary Schvaneveldt (Applicant)  
Nancy Sorensen  
Dominique Sterlin  
Carol Tally-Deeter

Chairman Whalen excused Boardmember Jaime, Perkins, and Raines from the meeting.

(Items on the agenda were discussed out of order, but for the purposes of clarity will remain as listed on the agenda.)

**1. Discussion of PTSD procedures.**

Boardmember Brady requested a presentation of procedures at the next meeting from Human Resources and the Police Department regarding the use of qualified experts for the treatment of Public Safety employees who may suffer from PTSD.

Chairman Whalen requested that Local Board Attorney David Niederdeppe advise the Local Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting whether it is permissible for the Local Board to consider employment issues for disability applicants.

Police Chief Frank Milstead stated the Police Department will be prepared to present to the Local Board at the February meeting.

2. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of December 20, 2012.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Smith, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of December 20, 2012 be approved.

Chairman Whalen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

**POLICE PENSION BOARD**

3. Discuss and consider the DROP applications of Police Officer John Merrell and Police Sergeant Mark Njaa.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Smith, that the DROP applications of Police Officer John Merrell and Police Sergeant Mark Njaa be approved.

Chairman Whalen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

4. Approve the election to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for Normal Retirement of Police Officer Bonifacio Gonzalez.

It was moved by Boardmember Smith, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the election to terminate participation in the DROP program and the Normal Retirement application of Police Officer Bonifacio Gonzalez be approved.

Chairman Whalen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

5. Discuss and consider the Normal Retirement application of Police Officer Michelle Van Kilsdonk.

It was moved by Boardmember Smith, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the Normal Retirement application of Police Officer Michelle Van Kilsdonk be approved.

Chairman Whalen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

6. Discuss and consider the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Edward Connolly.

Chairman Whalen welcomed Police Officer Edward Connolly. Chairman Whalen advised Officer Connolly that the members of the Local Board have reviewed his application and medical records. Chairman Whalen outlined the process that would be followed by the Board and encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding Officer Connolly's pending Accidental Disability application.

Discussion ensued relative to Officer Connolly's disabling injury and subsequent treatments.

Chairman Whalen stated that in view of absence of additional questions from the Board, he would entertain a motion relative to this case.

It was moved by Boardmember Brady, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that pending disability applicant Police Officer Edward Connolly be referred to a local board psychologist and a local board psychiatrist for independent medical evaluations.

Chairman Whalen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

7. Discuss and consider the Accidental Disability application of Police Officer Gary Schvaneveldt.

Chairman Whalen welcomed Police Officer Gary Schvaneveldt to the meeting. Chairman Whalen advised Officer Schvaneveldt that the members of the Local Board have reviewed his application and medical records. Chairman Whalen outlined the process that would be followed by the Board and encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding Officer Schvaneveldt's pending Accidental Disability application.

Chairman Whalen advised Officer Schvaneveldt that the Local Board has reviewed the independent medical evaluation of Dr. Michael Seivert and noted that Dr. Seivert is in agreement with the findings of Officer Schvaneveldt's attending physician and that, in view of the absence of questions from the Board, he would entertain and motion relative to this case.

It was moved by Boardmember Brady, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Gary Schvaneveldt be approved, based on the fact that he has a physical condition which totally and permanently prevents him from performing a reasonable range of duties within his department, and which was incurred during the performance of his duties.

Chairman Whalen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Chairman Whalen thanked Officer Schvaneveldt for his service to the City.

8. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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DEE ANN MICKELSEN, INTERIM CITY CLERK